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Amendments to the Specification:

Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9 of the application and continuing to page 7, line 23:

In some embodiments of the present invention, the containment devices may not be located immediately proximate to the outer edge of the rotating element in the rotary device. For example, the positions of the containment devices **60a, 60b, 60c** in Figure 4 are determined, in part, according to the operation of the gas turbine **50**. In particular, the distance between the absorption elements **62a, 62b, 62c** and an arc defined by the outermost edge of the rotating element, i.e., the turbine blades **56a, 56b, 56c**, can be greater than about 1/10 of the diameter of the respective rotating element. The distance between each turbine blade **56a, 56b, 56c**, or other rotating element, and the respective containment device **60a, 60b, 60c** can be sufficient for a portion of debris material that breaks from the rotating element to partially rotate before contacting the containment device **60a, 60b, 60c**, thereby potentially directing a sharp, broken edge toward the containment device **60a, 60b, 60c**. In addition, the length of each base can be shorter than a distance between the second end of the base and the arc defined by the path of the at least one blade. Advantageously, the absorption elements **62a, 62b, 62c**, e.g., the caps and/or bases thereof, can be sufficiently strong to resist piercing or other severe damage by the debris material, as described above.